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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AMED, WHO, SU, EAID

SUBJECT: OUTBREAK OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN SOUTHERN SUDAN

REF: KHARTOUM 2874 (NOT SENT LONDON)

1. SINCE REFTEL SENT THREE DAYS AGO, GOS HAS PUBLICLY ADMITTED OUTBREAK OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN WESTERN EQUATORIA PROVINCE IN SOUTHERN SUDAN. ACCORDING TO GOS STATEMENT OCT 4, AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN ALL PRECAUTIONARY AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST SPREAD OF DISEASE TO OTHER AREAS. MARIDI AREA IS DECLARED A "CLOSED DISTRICT" AND ALL FLIGHTS TO SOUTHERN REGION HAVE BEEN STOPPED. MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS SENT MEDICAL TEAM CONSISTING OF SPECIALISTS OF INTERNAL DISEASES AND LABORATORIES. SPECIMENS OF DISEASES HAVE BEEN SENT TO UK BY WHO. FYI: ACCORDING TO WHO REPS, SPECIMENS ALSO SENT TO CDC IN ATLANTA. END FYI

2. GOS STATEMENT CLAIMS NO NEW CASES REPORTED IN LAST TWO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAYS. IN EFFORT CALM ANY PUBLIC FEARS, MINISTRY OF

HEALTH HAS ANNOUNCED MATTER UNDER FULL CONTROL. WHO CHIEF TOLD DCM THAT MEDICAL AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY CAUSE OF DISEASE, BUT HE SAID IT APPEARS THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO IT SHOULD BE GIVEN GAMMA GLOBULIN AS A PROPHYLACTIC.

3. WHO CHIEF EXPLAINED THAT GOS HAS ASKED HIS OFFICE ADVISE IT REGARDING POSSIBLE SOURCES OF GAMMA GLOBULIN. HE INTENDS TO ADVISE THEM TO REQUEST USG TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF PROVIDING VIA URGENT AIR FREIGHT ONE THOUSAND DOSES OF GAMMA GLOBULIN. HE WILL SEND US A COPY OF HIS LETTER TO U/SEC OF HEALTH AND IT APPEARS THAT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, OR PERHAPS EARLIER, WE SHALL BE ASKED FORMALLY BY GOS WHETHER WE CAN PROVIDE ONE THOUSAND DOSES GAMMA GLOBULIN.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT REQUESTED ADVISE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF FOREGOING AND TO INFORM EMBASSY WHETHER IT IS LIKELY WE WILL BE ABLE TO REPLY POSITIVELY TO EXPECTED GOS REQUEST FOR ONE THOUSAND DOSES GAMMA GLOBULIN.
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